

MOUNTAIN HOUSING COUNCIL Meeting #10

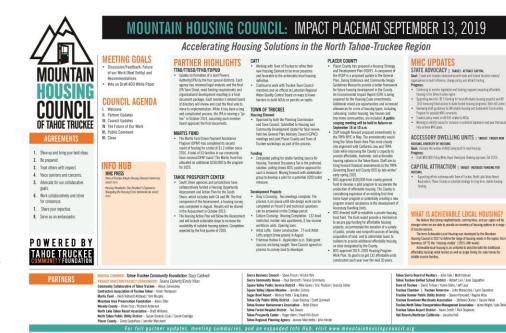
September 13, 2019 8:00am-11:00am Truckee Tahoe Airport



AGENDA

- I. Welcome
- II. Storytelling
- III. Partner Updates
- IV. Council Updates
- V. Future of Our Work
- VI. Public Comment

VII. Close





MEETING GOALS

- Vote: Draft ADU White Paper
- Feedback: Future of Our Work



PARTNER UPDATES

COUNCIL UPDATES AND BUSINESS



2019-20 Updated Work Plan

1) Policy

- a) ADU White Paper (Today)
- b) Density (Spring 2020)

2) Education/Tools

- a) Website 2.0
- b) Public Process Best Practices
- c) Deed Restrictions 101
- d) Housing Delivery Roles
- e) Understanding Entitlement Process
- f) MHC One-pager

3) Regional Convening

- a) 2 more quarterly meetings
- b) Tiger Teams

4) Initiative Support

- a) Local funding
- b) Future of MHC
- c) GPAC



Accessory Dwelling Unit White Paper



Over the Garage



Stand-Alone Unit



Garage Conversion



Basement or Attic Conversion



ADU Tiger Team Process

- Goal: Increase # of ADUs in region occupied by long-term renters (diversity of housing type)
- 2 years
- 20 member Tiger Team
- Consultants: Wendy Sullivan, Darin Dinsmore
- Research other communities
- State Laws: SBC support



MHC Agreements

We focused on ADUs because we believe they:

- Increase the diversity of housing types in the region
- Provide solutions for accelerating solutions to achievable local housing
- Provide a strategy for creating homes that are affordable by design
- Offer homeowners an option for accommodating changing family and financial needs, housing a relative, caregiver, or as an alternative living space while renting the primary dwelling
- Can create infill housing in existing neighborhoods and reduce sprawl



ADU White Paper Highlights



State Laws Working

ADU Applications Received 2015-2017

California City	2015	2016	2017*
Los Angeles**	90	80	1,980
Long Beach	0	1	42
Oakland	33	99	247
Sacramento	17	28	34
San Diego	16	17	64
San Francisco***	41	384	593
San Jose	28	45	166

*Through November 1, 2017.

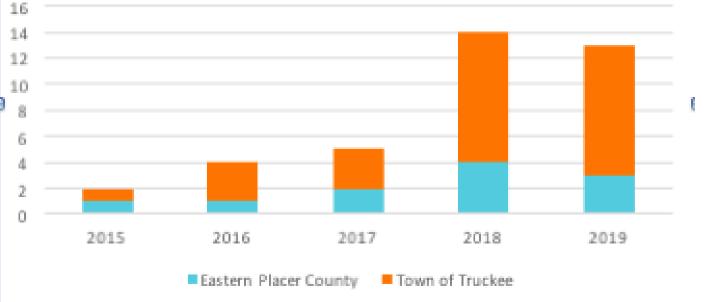
**2015/2016 Los Angeles data are for ADU construction permits; staff did not collect data on ADU applications prior to 2017. Data are through November 8th, 2017.

***San Francisco data is only through O3 2017.



Not so much here....

Total ADU Permits for Town of Truckee and Eastern Placer County (2015 - 2109)





Survey: Benefits of ADUs

- 88%: Adds more housing variety and choices for locals
- 77%: Provides more affordable housing stock---ADUs are generally smaller units, translating to a lower rental price and the potential to share utility costs
- **76%:** Provides an opportunity for homeowners to collect rental income to subsidize mortgage and home maintenance costs
- **69%**: Provides housing for older adults who want to downsize but stay near families and/or neighborhoods
- 58%: Adds equity to a home

In the same survey, 90% of respondents liked the idea of ADUs as a strategy to house those that live and work locally.



Survey: Barriers

- Regulatory barriers such as design or permit applications are overly complicated and a challenge to understand (78%)
- Cost: ADUs are costly to build and the development and building permit fees are too high (67%)
- Local community: does not allow ADUs (i.e. HOAs) (45%)

Knowing there are barriers to building ADUs, incentives identified by survey respondents that may help increase ADUs include:

- Waive the development and/or building permit fee (79%)
- Offer help from Town/County staff for homeowners navigating the complicated permit approval process (70%)
- Provide financial incentives, i.e., payments to homeowners who restrict rentals to primary residents or payment to help with construction/design costs (63%)
- Offer pre-approved ADU designs for homeowners (60%)



Research from ADU Friendly Communities

We looked at:

- Crested Butte, CO
- City of Santa Cruz, CA
- City of Clovis, CA
- Town of Ridgeway, CO
- Vancouver, BC
- Portland, OR
- San Francisco, CA

We looked at:

- 1. Regulation changes/innovations
- 2. Education/Outreach efforts
- 3. Navigation services
- 4. Incentives
- 5. Monitoring
- 6. Deed restriction programs
- 7. Results



Recommendations

- 1. Education + Info Solutions
 - 1. ADU Programs and Education + Marketing Initiative
- 2. Regulatory Improvements
 - 1. Continue adoption of laws and regulations
 - 2. Consider incentive programs

3. Incentives

1. Funds directed to ADU Incentive Program

4. Construction Solutions

1. Implementation of regional ADU program that expedites construction process



Discussion



Vote Today

Vote yes=yes, include my organization's name on this study

Vote no=do not include my organizations name



Policy Briefing: AB 670 – Accessory Dwelling Units Chris Mertens, Government Affairs Director

Sierra Business Council



AB 670: Overview

- Prohibits HOAs from banning construction of ADUs or JADUs;
- Makes void and unenforceable existing HOA prohibitions on ADUs/JADUs;
- Allows for "reasonable restrictions" on ADUs/JADUs if they don't unreasonably increase cost;
- Similar to existing policies related to rooftop solar, EV charging stations, and artificial turf.



AB 670: Current Status

- Signed in to law Aug. 30, 2019
- Effective Jan. 1, 2020





Program Briefing: Supportive Housing

Jazmin Breaux, LCSW

Program Manager,

Truckee/Tahoe Health and Human Services

Nevada County



What is Supportive Housing?

Permanent + Affordable + Supportive Services

- Any type of independent housing that meets the needs of tenants
- Tenant pays 30% of income
- Integrated within the neighborhood or community.

Who lives in Supportive housing?

Supportive housing is designed to serve those unable to stay housed without a wide range of supportive services. Targets households whose head of household is experiencing homelessness, at-risk of homelessness, or is inappropriately staying in an institution. These households often face one or more persistent obstacles to maintaining housing such as serious mental illness, substance use disorders or chronic medical problems.

Supportive Services

Services available in supportive housing will vary depending on individual preferences and needs Can include case management, mental health services, primary health services, substance abuse treatment, employment services and parenting skills.

Key Characteristics of Quality Supportive Housing

Provides tenant households with a lease or subleasewith no limits on length of tenancy, as long as lease terms and conditions are met. Proactively engages members of the tenant household with a flexible and comprehensive array of supportive services. Effectively coordinates among key partners to address issues resulting from substance use, mental health and other crises, with a focus on fostering housing stability.

Supports tenants in connecting with community-based resources and activities while building strong social support networks.

Does Supportive Housing Work?

Improves Lives

- Supportive housing has positive effects on housing stability, employment, mental and physical health, and school attendance.
- People in supportive housing live more stable and productive lives.

Cost Effective

- Cost studies from across the country have found that supportive housing results in tenants' decreased use of homeless shelters, hospitals, emergency rooms, jails and prisons.
- Million Dollar Murray
- In Portland, the annual savings per person amounted to \$24,876, whereas the annual cost of housing and services was only \$9,870.

Benefits Communities

• Evidence shows that supportive housing benefits communities by improving the safety of neighborhoods, beautifying city blocks with new or rehabilitated properties, and increasing or stabilizing property values over time.



Examples of Western County Supportive Housing:

- Timberline
 - Placer residents with history of homelessness and severe mental illness
 - Single family home
 - 5 Private bedrooms with shared living areas
- HUD-VASH Vouchers
 - Placer and Nevada
 - Section 8 vouchers designated for Veterans
 - Paired with Case management

Needs for Supportive Housing: Eastern Counties

6-12 Supportive Housing Units for Tahoe/Truckee region Target populations chronically homeless, severe mental illness, complicated medical needs

Solutions and local steps of action

- Work group in place to explore options of creating supportive housing in the Tahoe Truckee region.
 - Placer and Nevada Housing Services staff
 - Mountain Housing Council
 - Tahoe Forest Hospital District
- Current Placer County efforts to purchase a property for 3-6 supportive housing units in North Lake
- Exploring options to Master Lease a property in Truckee
- Complete supportive services inventory for Tahoe/Truckee region
 - Discuss partnership opportunities and letters of support from partner agencies



Want to know more about implementing Supportive Housing?

Corporation for Supportive Housing: https://www.csh.org/supportive-housing-101/

MHC Website Redesign



Strategic Communication Plan

The Charge

Elevate the issue. Get the larger community ready to be a part of the solution to increase the availability of achievable local housing.

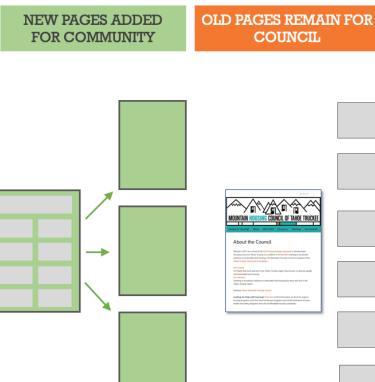


Working with Scott Keith, we clarified our charge for this next phase and came up with a plan to activate the larger community.



Re-prioritize and frame the web content.

- Elevate the key issues and set priorities.
- Gather and refine the relevant content for those priorities. Frame it up.







New Home Page

- Quick and easy navigation to three key areas to provide visitors with opportunities to LEARN, ACT, or FIND what they need.
- Large tiles on desktop design and Mobile design.

IE LEARN - ACT - FIND - PROJECTS GET INVOLVED 💭



Working to accelerate solutions to achievable local housing for those that live in the Tahoe-Truckee region.





LEARN Page

The Learn page will provide information for people to learn about MHC and Housing Needs in the area.



Learn all about Mountain Housing Council. This is a block to inspire some learning about all the issues and opportunities.

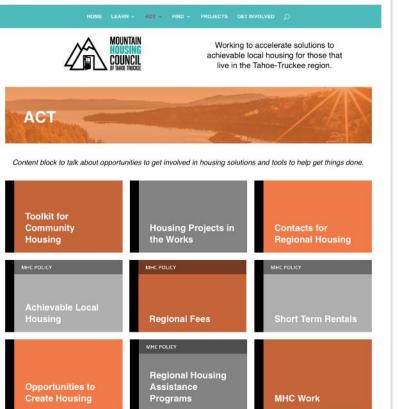
About Mountain	Housing Needs In	Available Housing
Housing Council	Our Region	in Truckee-Tahoe
Mountain Housing	Mountain Housing	Tahoe Truckee
Council Meetings	Council Resources	Housing Blog



MHC Website 2.0

ACT Page

- Will help engage and inspire more people to get involved.
- Will contain published Policies and Papers, as well as a new Toolkit so that more groups have the tools to run meetings and engage more people in their community.

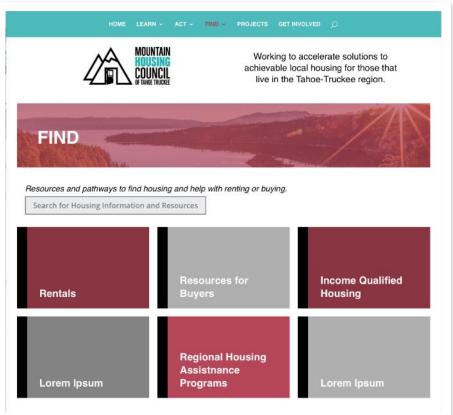




MHC Website 2.0

FIND Page

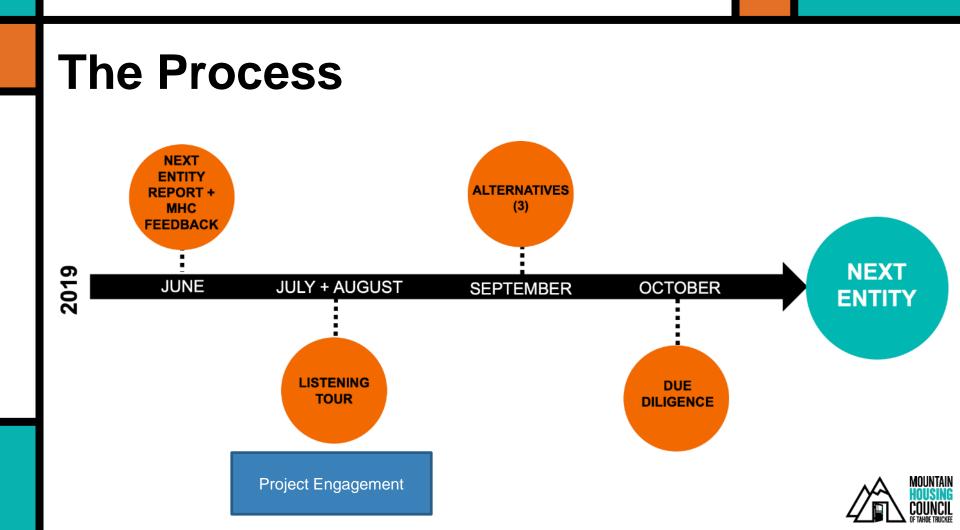
For those that are curious to find out more about housing opportunities and programs in the region.





FUTURE OF OUR WORK





Recommendations From Report

1)Create an independent regional nonprofit to do the work of MHC for policy and advocacy

a) Create Regional Action Plan

Establishing a Permanent Housing Organization For the Tahoe-Truckee Region Regional Collaboration/ Education/ Advocacy

- Regional Housing Action Plan
- State Advocacy
- Project Level
 Advocacy



What Does That Mean?

- Start a new nonprofit
- Determine Board (Governance & Fiduciary)
- Define mission & execute
 - Incorporate (articles of Incorporation)
 - Develop By-laws
 - Designate BoD
 - Fundraise
 - Name it and Brand it
 - Hire staff (HR policies and procedures)
- Timeframe: 12-18 months
- Potentially pauses current work
- Ability to advocate, set own priorities
- Shift of ownership of outcomes



What is a Regional Housing Action Plan?

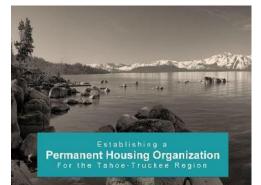
A technical document that sets specific housing goals across the region:

- Requires regional partnership to drive implementation
- Requires jurisdictional buy-in
- Metrics (# of units, % change--per income target)
- Tools (Funding, Regulations, Incentives, Sites/Land, Programs, Preservation)
- Strategies/Timeline/Roles
- Examples (share)
- Timeline: 4-8 months for a 5 year plan



Recommended Considerations

- 1. Adapt models to local conditions and financial resources
- 2. Seek to leverage existing resources when possible
- 3. Consider trade-offs of a new entity vs. expanding existing entity
- 4. Build the next entity on a sustainable funding model
- Consider eventually establishing a 2nd entity (new local nonprofit housing developer) *"this could challenging...due to underfunding for operations"* (#3, ex. Sutter-Nevada Housing Authority)





MHC Summer Listening Tour



Themes That Emerged

- Continue Regional Approach to Housing
- Convening Stakeholders is Critical
- Continue Some Version of MHC
- Creation of Fund(s) is Key for Housing
- Community Education is Important
- Gaps:
 - Facilitating Development
 - Program management
 - Fund(s)
 - Local advocacy for projects + policies



Learning: Confirmed our Goal of Achievable Local Housing



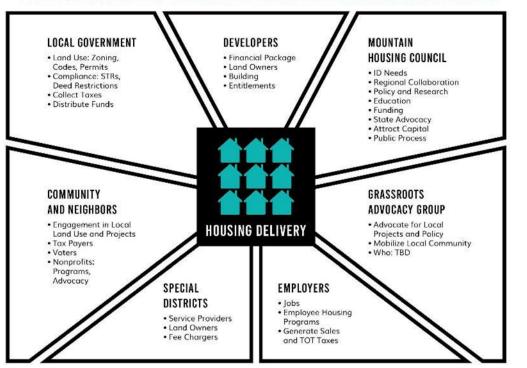
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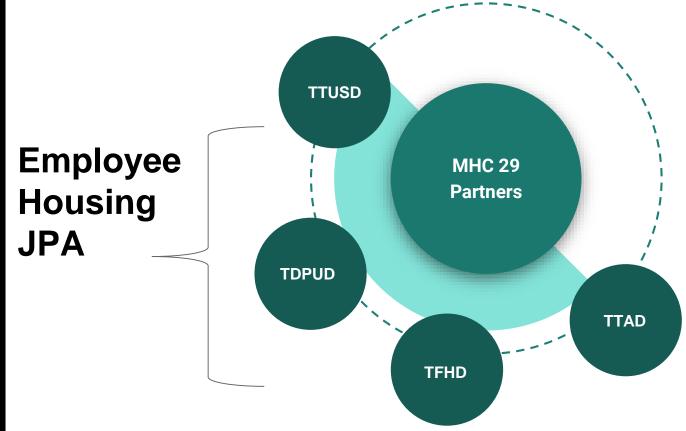
Learning: Clarification of Roles

HOUSING DELIVERY ROLES

Working in Concert to Accelerate Solutions to Achievable Local Housing

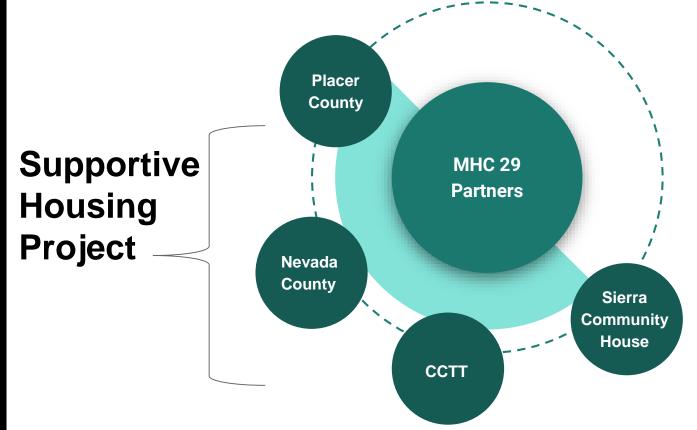






- Work together to create solutions for employees through masterleasing
- Targets not yet set





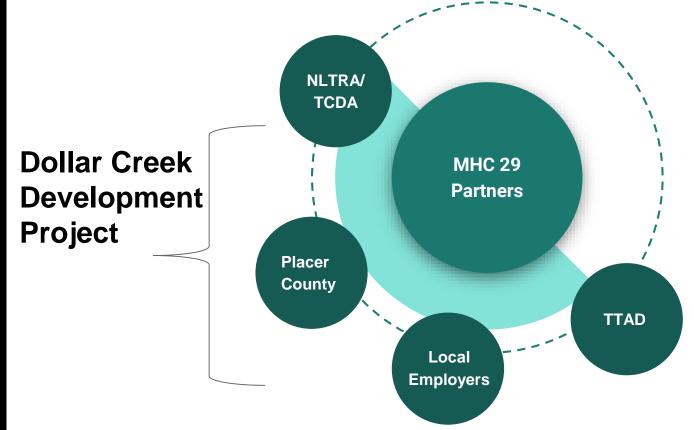
- To create a supportive housing project in Truckee
- Funding through Nevada County
- 6 units for chronically homeless individuals



Martis Fund Down Payment **MHC 29** Assistance **Partners** Program Sierra Business Council

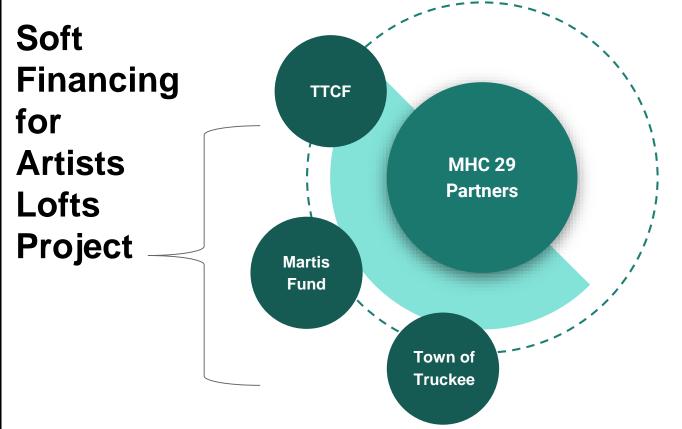
- \$1.3M in assistance since 2016
- 33 families served





- Secured \$2.6M for land / ALH
- \$550k from TTAD
 for purchase
- Hired developer
- Engaged in public process

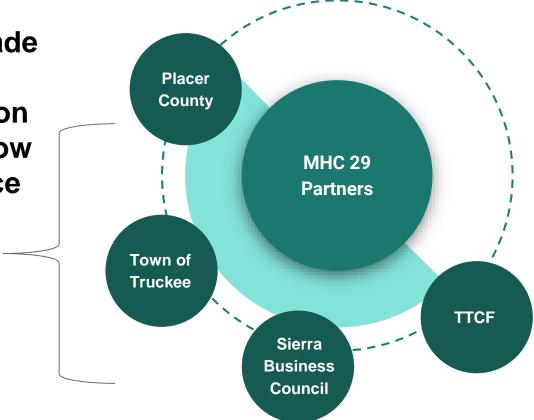




- 76 units
- \$3.8M leveraged for \$12M+ in funding



Cap + Trade Funding Application for Meadow View Place (56 units)



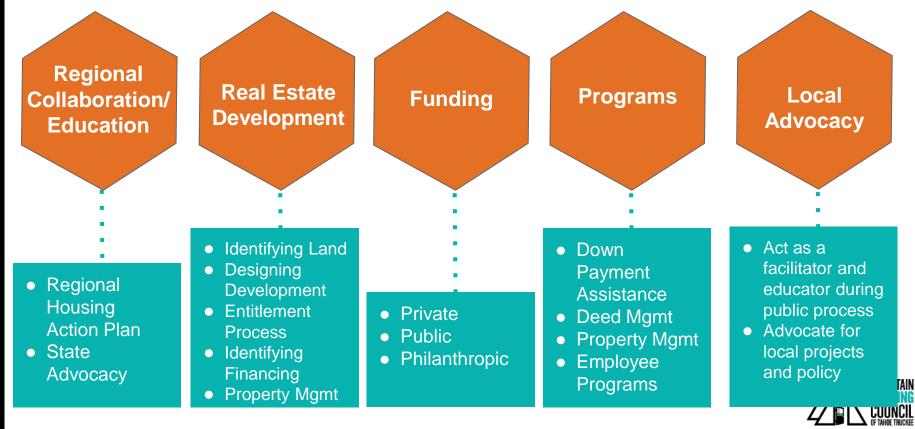
- 56 units
- \$16.6M in funding secured



Moving Forward: OUR Regional Approach



Housing Delivery Components



Today's Alternatives Address:



BIG IDEAS!!



How Do We Build ALH?

Framing Questions:

- Are there developers who naturally want to build here?
- What is the disconnect?
- How can we help the market respond?



Housing **Development HUB**



- - Navigator
 - Partnership Facilitation
 - **Problem Solving**
 - Process Assistance
 - Public Process
 - Programs
 - Deed management
 - **Down Payment** Assistance



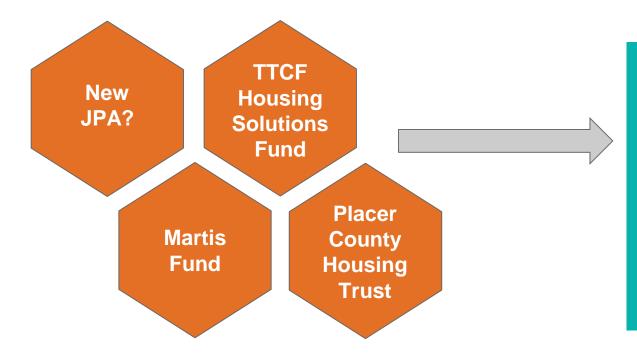
How Do We Fund ALH?

Framing Questions:

- How do we leverage additional dollars outside of traditional affordable housing funds?
- How do we work together with existing and future regional funds available?



Regional Housing Accelerator Fund(s)



- "Blended Capital" = Public, Private & Philanthropic Leverage
- Sometimes co-mingled, but not always
- Collective + seperate power, governance & focus
- Developing a way to "signal" each other
- Sharing due diligence



How Do Jurisdictions & Public Agencies Work Together to Accelerate ALH?

Framing Questions:

- How do we ensure that the work we've begun continues to focus at the regional level, and not go back to a siloed approach for each jurisdiction
- How do we leverage staff, studies (R&D), land, and funding in a cohesive and strategic way?



Joint Powers Authority (JPA)



 Ability to collective build staff & programming



Alternatives for Our Future (3)



Alternative 1: Sunset MHC

Completion in May 2020



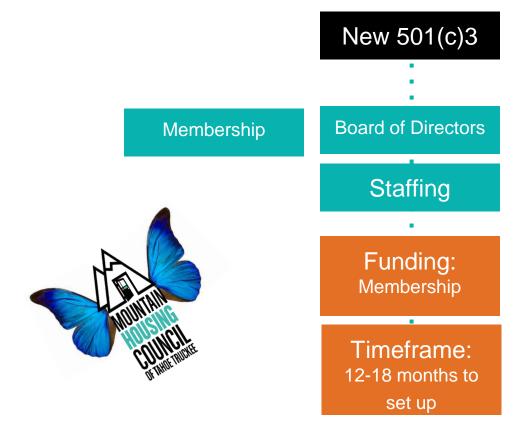


Alternative 1: What this means

- Public Perception
- MHC's work memorialized through:
 - Website
 - Reports
 - Toolkit of graphics & communication options for others to carry on



Alternative 2: New Regional Housing Nonprofit

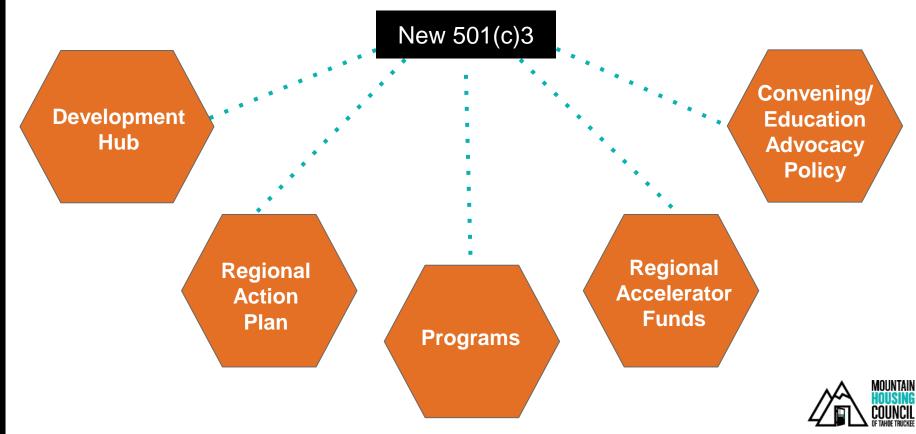


Housing Delivery Checklist

- ? Regional Convening
- **?** Fund(s) (Incubate)
- Oevelopment HUB (Incubate)
- Programs (Contract)
- ? Local Advocacy



Alternative 2: Strategic Focus Areas



Alternative 3: MHC 2.0

TAHOE TRUCKEE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION



29+ Partners

Staffing: Program Officer

Funding: Partners

Timeframe: 3 Years

Housing Delivery Checklist

Regional

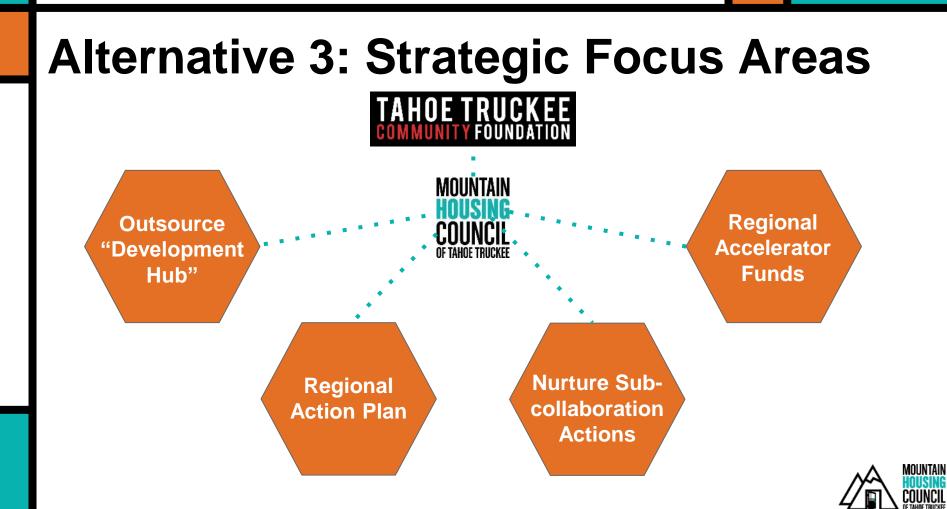
Fund (Existing)

 Development HUB (Outsource)

Programs

Local Advocacy





TTCF Feedback

- Proud of MHC work to-date
- Willing to stay engaged if partners are
- Operational strategy should be 3 years minimum
- Regional Action Plan is important
- Pilot of the Hub is appealing
- JPA is a great idea. Could it be focused on more than housing?



Alternatives Summary

Alternative 1: Sunset MHC Alternative 2: Regional Housing Nonprofit Alternative 3: MHC 2.0



Breakout Session

Identify pros/cons of Alternatives 1 - 3



DISCUSSION



PUBLIC COMMENT



CLOSE + THANK YOU

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